

# CONSOLIDATED PLAN

## 2003 PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
HOME  
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT  
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS



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## 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

### I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

#### A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund—CDBG	\$3,105,318	8
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Homebuyer Counseling & Housing Development Contracts	\$519,000	9
Columbus Housing Partnership (\$180,000)		
Columbus Neighborhood Housing Services (\$140,000)		
Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (\$45,000)		
Community Research Partners (\$70,000)		
Community Shelter Board (\$10,000)		
Homes on the Hill (\$43,000)		
MORPC-Joint Columbus/Franklin County Housing Advisory Board(\$31,000)		
Homeownership Assistance Staff	\$1,212,555	9
Housing Administration	\$161,592	10
Housing Development and Finance Staff	\$142,483	10
Housing Services Staff	\$518,282	10
Land Management Program	\$202,713	10
Lead Compliance Staff	\$80,985	10
Relocation Services Staff	<u>\$65,873</u>	10
Subtotal Development	\$7,004,661	
 2. Department of Public Service		
Encampment Clean Up	\$25,307	11
Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Engineering	\$132,166	11
Neighborhood Environmental Clean-up Program	\$12,693	11
SURF Program	<u>\$158,000</u>	11
Subtotal Public Service	\$328,166	
 3. Department of Finance		
Loan Servicing Contract	<u>\$180,000</u>	11
Subtotal Finance	\$180,000	
TOTAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT	\$7,512,827	

**B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Department of Development</b>	<b><u>CDBG Request</u></b>	<b><u>Page #</u></b>
Business Development Office	\$341,786	11
Business Financing Office	\$269,966	12
Chamber/Small Business Development Center	\$30,000	12
Columbus Urban Growth Corporation	\$250,000	12
Economic & Community Development Fund	\$1,300,000	12
Neighborhood Commercial Development	\$367,397	12
Neighborhood Support Fund	<u>\$590,000</u>	13
Columbus Neighborhood Design Assistance Center (\$257,000)		
East Fifth Avenue Business Association (\$3,000)		
Franklinton Board of Trade (\$34,000)		
Greater Hilltop Community Development Corporation (\$41,000)		
Greater Linden Business Net (\$3,000)		
Greater Linden Development Corporation (\$60,000)		
Livingston Ave Collaborative for Community Development (\$15,000)		
Long Street Business Association (\$16,000)		
Main Street Business Association (\$41,000)		
Milo Grogan (\$3,000)		
Mt. Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association (\$16,000)		
Olde Towne Quarter (\$3,000)		
Parsons Avenue Merchants Association (\$26,000)		
Short North Business Association (\$36,000)		
University Community Business Association (\$36,000)		
<b>TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$3,149,149</b>	

**C. PUBLIC SERVICES****1. Department of Development**

Homeless Prevention Contract	\$420,000	13
Public Service Competitive Fund	<u>\$265,477</u>	13
<b>Subtotal Development</b>	<b>\$685,477</b>	

**2. Department of Recreation and Parks**

School's Out Program	<u>\$265,000</u>	13
<b>Subtotal Recreation &amp; Parks</b>	<b>\$265,000</b>	

**3. Health Department**

Pregnancy Support Program	\$139,218	14
Sexual Health Awareness Program	<u>\$147,953</u>	14
<b>Subtotal Health</b>	<b>\$287,171</b>	

<b>4.</b>	<b>Mayor's Office of Education</b>	<b><u>CDBG Request</u></b>	<b><u>Page #</u></b>
	Cap City Kids Program	<u>250,000</u>	14
	Subtotal Education	\$ 250,000	
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>\$1,487,648</b>	

(Note: Portions of some activities listed under A. and B. above contain public service elements and must also be included in the Public Service Cap. See Page 7 for additional information.)

## **D. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Department of Development</b>		
	Clerical Support	\$162,491	14
	Columbus Compact Contract	\$135,000	15
	Fiscal and Legislation	\$295,241	15
	Neighborhood & Agency Programs	\$280,410	15
	Neighborhood Planning	\$190,322	15
	Neighborhood Services Administration	\$76,864	15
	Public Information	<u>\$59,761</u>	15
	Subtotal Development	\$1,200,089	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Department of Finance</b>		
	Columbus Urban League Fair Housing Services Contract	\$188,814	16
	Grants Management Staff	<u>\$471,995</u>	16
	Subtotal Finance	\$660,809	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Health Department</b>		
	AIDS Housing Staff	<u>\$52,829</u>	16
	Subtotal Health	\$52,829	
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION &amp; PLANNING</b>	<b>\$1,913,727</b>	

(Note: Portions of some activities under A. and B. above contain administration and planning elements and must also be included in the Administration and Planning Cap. See page 7 for additional information.)

**TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT      \$14,063,351**

<b>II.</b>	<b>PROJECTED SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF REVENUE</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<b><u>ENTITLEMENT FUNDS</u></b>	<b>\$ 8,045,000</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b><u>PROJECTED PROGRAM REVENUES</u></b>	
	Reprogramming of Prior Year Projects	1,687,142
	Housing Loan Repayments	2,233,451
	Economic Development Loan Repayments	1,800,000
	Other Revenues	<u>402,758</u>
	Total Program Revenues	<b>\$ 6,123,351</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 14,168,351</b>
	Less Interest Earnings Payable to HUD	<u>(105,000)</u>
	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR 2003 ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 14,063,351</b>

### III. 2003 CDBG FUNDING LIMITS

The CDBG program has regulated funding limits, which are commonly called "caps". Planning and administration activities are limited to 20 percent of the program year's entitlement grant plus program income. Public service activities are limited to 15 percent of the program year's entitlement grant plus prior year program income. The table below describes the proposed 2003 activities that comprise the City of Columbus cap restrictions.

Activity Title	Planning/ Administration	Public Service
Department of Development:		
Clerical Support	\$162,491	
Fiscal and Legislation	\$295,241	
Public Information	\$59,761	
Business Development Office	\$341,786	
Columbus Compact	\$135,000	
Chamber / Small Business Development Center	\$30,000	
Neighborhood Support Fund	\$15,000	
Neighborhood Services Administration	\$76,864	
Neighborhood and Agency Programs	\$280,410	
Public Service Competitive Fund		\$265,477
Neighborhood Planning	\$190,322	
Homebuyer Counseling and Housing Dev. contracts	\$156,000	\$363,000
Homeless Prevention Contract		\$420,000
Department of Finance:		
Columbus Urban League – Fair Housing Contract	\$188,814	
Grants Management Staff	\$471,995	
Health Department:		
Aids Housing Staff	\$52,829	
Pregnancy Support Program		\$139,218
Sexual Health Awareness Program		\$147,953
Mayor's Office of Education:		
Cap City Kids Program		\$250,000
Recreation and Parks Department:		
Schools Out Program		\$265,000
Total	\$2,456,513	\$1,850,648
<b>Cap Calculation:</b>		
Projected 2003 Entitlement Grant	\$8,045,000	\$8,045,000
Projected 2003 Program Income/ 2002 Program Income	\$4,307,229	\$4,539,250
Total	\$12,352,229	\$12,584,250
Planning/Administration and Public Service Caps (20% & 15%)	\$2,470,446	\$1,887,638
2003 CDBG Budget – Proposed Cap Percentage	<b>19.89%</b>	<b>14.70%</b>

## 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

### IV. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

#### A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

##### **Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund—CDBG (\$3,105,318)**

The Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund activities include:

- A) Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP)- Provides home repair loans and grants of up to \$15,000 plus additional grants to control lead based paint hazards. An estimated 75 low- moderate-income households in Neighborhood Pride areas will benefit.
- B) Home Modification Program- Provides up to \$15,000 grants to homeowners and up to \$10,000 for owners of rental property with income-eligible disabled tenants, to make accessibility modifications. An estimated 40 low- moderate-income households will benefit from this program.
- C) Chores- Provides up to \$800 of minor home maintenance to an estimated 125 senior citizens.
- D) Homeownership Development Program (HDP)- Provides incentive financing for the creation of homes for sale in the CDBG service area, with preference for developments in the Neighborhood Investment Districts. An estimated 10 new or rehabilitated homes will be sold to low- moderate-income buyers.
- E) SRP Homeownership Project - This project will provide second mortgages to purchasers of 25 homes sold by SRP.

##### **Code Enforcement (\$234,897)**

The Code Enforcement Program is responsible for property inspections and issues notices and orders to property owners in violation of the Columbus City Code. Inspectors meet with residents, owners and others to resolve issues that impact the health and safety of citizens. They offer testimony in court cases involving non-compliant owners. Staff makes referrals to other divisions and agencies as needed and are major participants in Neighborhood Pride initiatives.

This unit will make more than 3,000 inspections in 2003.

##### **Emergency Repair Contracts (\$200,000)**

The Emergency Repair program responds to emergency conditions of electrical, plumbing and heating systems as identified in the Columbus Housing Code. The program protects the health and safety of the occupants of residential property and allows them to remain in their homes. CDBG funds are requested for contracts with licensed HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and specialty repair firms.

165 emergency repairs will be completed.

##### **Environmental Nuisance (\$341,406)**

The Environmental Nuisance program eliminates harmful environmental conditions within the Community Development Service Area. It is made up of two programs: Environmental Blight Abatement and Weed and Solid Waste Abatement. Environmental Blight Abatement cleans up alleys and vacant lots, boards up vacant, unsecured structures etc. Weed and Solid Waste Abatement cuts high grass and noxious weeds and removes solid waste from vacant lots and structures. These activities are necessary to ensure and maintain a safe and healthy environment. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.



This program will maintain approximately 190 vacant lots for the Land Management Program. In addition, the program will contract for weed cutting and solid waste disposal for approximately 1,000 vacant lots and lots with unoccupied structures.

#### **Environmental Nuisance – Seasonal (\$59,246)**

The Environmental Nuisance – Seasonal Program also eliminates harmful environmental conditions within the Community Development Service Area. This systematic enforcement program is comprised of seasonal employees who make inspections and issue corrective orders pertaining to weeds and solid waste. This activity is necessary to ensure and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

It is estimated that 10,000 parcels will be inspected and 10,500 orders for weeds and solid waste will be issued.

#### **Fiscal Office—Rehab (\$92,640)**

The Fiscal-Rehab unit is responsible for financial record keeping for the housing rehabilitation program. Responsibilities include budget preparation, quarterly financial reviews, contract payments, and accounts payable. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

#### **Historic Preservation (\$67,671)**

The Vacant Housing Initiative program of the Historic Preservation Office provides assistance to property owners of vacant houses, including assessments, writing work specifications, financing referrals, contractor assistance and project monitoring.

Staff will assist 20 owners of vacant housing stock. Staff will work with the City Attorney's Office and the Environmental Court staff to establish clear deeds of record for 25 vacant properties. Technical assistance will be provided to 100 private sector agencies and individuals including developers, banks, mortgage holding companies, not-for-profits, neighborhood organizations and contractors. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

#### **Homebuyer Counseling and Housing Development Contracts (\$519,000)**

These funds will provide grants to nonprofit organizations for activities that are needed to implement the City's housing programs. The nonprofits include the CD Collaborative for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for capacity-building; MORPC for the Joint Columbus & Franklin County Housing Advisory Board; Community Research Partners for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan; Community Shelter Board for preparation of the Continuum of Care Application, and homebuyer counseling services by Columbus Housing Partnership, Columbus Neighborhood Housing Services, MORPC and Homes on the Hill.

Funds will provide technical assistance to at least 6 CHDOs, review 4 applications for multi-family housing revenue bonds, prepare the Community Profile for the Consolidated Plan, prepare Continuum of Care application and graduate 760 households from homebuyer counseling programs.

#### **Homeowner Assistance Staff (\$1,212,555)**

Staff implements the Homeownership Assistance Program, Emergency Repair Program and the Home Modification Program, reviews rehabilitation specifications for the Homeownership Development Program, and prepares specifications for the Office of Land Management's Land Bank structures. Activities consist of application, intake, feasibility assessments, work specifications, regulatory compliance, assisting homeowners with the bid process, construction management and processing of change orders and draws. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

Staff will complete 65 homeowner repairs, 160 emergency repairs and 40 accessibility modifications.

### **Housing Administration (\$161,592)**

The unit manages housing staff and administers all housing programs, including the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund (Homeownership Assistance Program, Home Modification Program, Chores, Homeownership Development Program, SRP Homeownership Project), Emergency Repairs, Mobile Tool Library, Residential Tax Incentive Program, HOME Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) and relocation and lead compliance activities.

See individual program descriptions for proposed accomplishments.

### **Housing Development and Finance Staff (\$142,483)**

Staff and expenses to implement the Homeownership Development Program, Down Payment Assistance Program, Housing-Initiatives Roadway Improvements Bond Program, and Rental Production/Preservation Program. Staff also manages the loan portfolio.

Staff will finance the production and sale of 20 new or rehabilitated homes, assist 75 first-time homebuyers to purchase homes and finance the production or preservation of 201 affordable rental-housing units.

### **Housing Services Staff (\$518,282)**

Funds provide staff and expenses to operate the Mobile Tool Library and the Chores Program. Staff also provides feasibility assessments, specifications and referrals in the Neighborhood Pride areas.

The Mobile Tool Library will loan 1,300 tools to homeowners, and 200 senior citizens will receive minor home maintenance services from Catholic Social Services and the Clintonville Resource Center.

### **Land Management Program (\$202,713)**

The Land Management Program allows the City to designate and acquire certain tax delinquent properties for redevelopment. The general purpose is to identify, acquire, maintain, and evaluate properties to be sold or held for future redevelopment. Vacant land will be sold for infill housing, small business expansions, commercial redevelopment projects and green space. Structures will be sold for rehabilitation, demolition for new builds, pocket parks, and yard expansions. The goal of the program is to turn non-productive land in city neighborhoods into productive assets. CDBG funds are requested for personnel costs, office supplies, and other associated program costs, including real estate taxes, title searches, filing fees, and water and sewer charges.

It is estimated that foreclosure requests to the county of tax delinquent properties will increase in 2003. The number of lots obtained and available for infill development is estimated to increase by 20% and the number of houses available for rehab is estimated to increase by 15%.

### **Lead Compliance Staff (\$80,985)**

Staff and expenses to provide grants to control lead-based paint hazards. Staff performs visual inspections, prepares risk assessments and work specifications, oversees bidding, manages construction, processes change orders and draws, and provides technical assistance to housing programs and nonprofit organizations. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

It is estimated that 24 homes will be made lead safe.

### **Relocation Staff (\$65,873)**

Staff reviews all CDBG activities that must comply with the Federal Uniform Acquisition and Relocation (UAR) Act, develops and implements relocation plans, and provides technical assistance to recipients of CDBG funds.

It is estimated that staff will conduct 300 reviews for UAR compliance.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Encampment Clean Up (\$25,307)**

City of Columbus street crews will clean areas underneath interstate overpasses, which have become littered due to their use as encampments by homeless individuals, in order to maintain standards in accordance with City and resident expectations. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

Crews will clean up 12 sites.

### **Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Engineering (\$132,166)**

The Public Service Department provides coordination of design and legislation for NCR and Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) projects that address needed capital improvements in central city neighborhoods. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

Staff will coordinate and design 100 projects.

### **Neighborhood Environmental Clean Up Program (\$12,693)**

The Refuse Collection Division will work in the city's designated CDBG area, cleaning and removing litter and graffiti from alleys and bridges to maintain a safe and environmentally healthy condition for residents.

### **SURF Program (\$158,000)**

The Summer Urban Repair and Fix-Up (SURF) program provides blight abatement activities in Columbus neighborhoods and Commercial Revitalization Areas using employment training programs for low-income youth during the summer of 2003.

Work projects will focus on ten neighborhoods utilizing fifty-five youth participants to conduct clean-up operations.

## **Department of Finance**

### **Loan Servicing Contract (\$180,000)**

The City contracts with Yerke Mortgage Company to service housing and economic development loans.

## **B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **Business Development Office (\$341,786)**

The Business Development Office works to keep existing Columbus businesses growing and to bring new businesses and jobs to the City. This is accomplished via site and infrastructure research, coordinating financial assistance and capital improvement packages, employment assistance, and networking with local, state and federal governments, and the private sector to meet the needs of Columbus' existing and prospective businesses. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

The work of the Business Development Office will directly impact 1,400 jobs and stimulate approximately \$120 million in new business development investment for Columbus. The Business Development Office will also continue to help oversee implementation of the HUD Empowerment Zone grant effort, the \$200,000 US EPA Brownfield Pilot Grant and, in collaboration with the Franklin County Department of Human Services, the new workforce development initiative known as First Source.

**Business Financing Office (\$269,966)**

The Business Financing Office implements various economic development loan programs. This unit implements and manages the City's loan portfolio, initiates inner-city economic growth through loan activity, and manages numerous contracts as part of an effort to encourage growth through public/private partnership both within and outside of the Empowerment Zone. In 1999, the Federal EPA awarded a Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Grant (BCRLF) to the City. This program will continue to be implemented and managed by the Business Financing Office in the year 2003. CDBG funds are requested for staffing, supplies, materials and services.

The Business Financing Office will directly impact the creation of 150 jobs through 20 loans in 2003.

**Chamber/Small Business Development Center (\$30,000)**

This program continues a contract with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to provide technical assistance for small businesses through the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). A network of more than 140 volunteers, gives assistance to individual clients on virtually every type of business problem, including financing, marketing, personnel, and cash flow.

The program will provide business counseling to 150 City small business and assist 5-10 Working Capital clients to locate mentors.

**Columbus Urban Growth Corporation (\$250,000)**

The Columbus Urban Growth Corporation will acquire and develop unused or underutilized land on behalf of the Development Department in targeted areas and will find appropriate commercial and industrial uses for these properties to create economic opportunity for residents in the area. Columbus Urban Growth will also assist with marketing properties, identifying job training and transportation (to the work site) opportunities, and help design infrastructure and business assistance incentive packages.

The primary focus of the budgeted activity will be continued development of West Edge Business Park to create or relocate 500 jobs, the development of 500 residential units and 100 jobs at the Morse Road Nazarene Site, ongoing development of the Four Corners Site to create 62 jobs and land assembly for future residential and commercial development at Long and Taylor Avenues.

**Economic and Community Development Fund (\$1,300,000)**

This fund provides working capital to small expanding businesses with an emphasis on minority-owned companies. The fund also provides fixed asset financing to business borrowers who create jobs through expansion. Loans will leverage and/or reduce the cost of business borrowing. In addition, the economic and Community Development Fund consists of a variety of interrelated strategies coordinated to enhance the image of each business corridor. A variety of lending tool provisions under this program offer attractive financing terms to spur investment.

It is projected that this fund will directly impact the creation of 150 jobs through loans in 2003. At least 8 loans will be for acquisition and/or rehabilitation in the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Districts and at least 20 grants will be made for storefront rehabilitation in the NCR districts.

**Neighborhood Commercial Development (\$367,397)**

Staff members of the Neighborhood Commercial Development Program implement the City's initiatives in neighborhood revitalization programs. These initiatives include: implementation of the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) program; initiation and underwriting of loans, grants and equity investments that stimulate neighborhood reinvestment; training and technical assistance to existing and prospective businesses as well as NCR business associations, which increases their knowledge of available tools that stimulate and sustain neighborhood reinvestment; portfolio management, as well as loan servicing oversight of NCR loans and investments; oversight of design and financial packaging services from the Neighborhood Design Assistance

Center; and identifying additional resources to augment the NCR and Neighborhood Economic Development Fund (NEDF) programs. CDBG funds are requested for personnel and related operating expenses.

In 2003 staff of the NCR program will provide on-going technical assistance and at least 6 training activities for NCR business associations, members and prospective businesses; process at least 8 loans, 20 grants and 2 equity investment to qualifying businesses and CDC/NCR districts; provide quarterly reports of loan and portfolio performance as well as take appropriate corrective action on non-performing loans; and conduct monthly meetings as well as at least four field meetings to review the design, installation and/or financing of recommendations made by the Neighborhood Design Assistance Center.

#### **Neighborhood Support Fund (\$590,000)**

The Neighborhood Support Fund was established to provide a source of funding for neighborhood-based organizations to develop and implement their economic development projects, initiatives, and services. Design services are provided to enhance the image and viability of each business corridor. The fund will provide administrative funding for Community Development Corporations, neighborhood-based organizations and business associations.

Design services will be provided for 45 commercial buildings located in designated areas. 8 business associations will provide training and seminars to area businesses. 10 business associations will provide marketing materials and business directories to area residents and businesses. 8 business associations will provide a quarterly newsletter or newspaper to the residents of Columbus. 1 organization will initiate a commercial development project in their neighborhood. Twelve business associations will refer area businesses to the City for funding for acquisition and rehabilitation of commercial property.

### **C. PUBLIC SERVICE**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

##### **Homeless Prevention (\$420,000)**

The Community Shelter Board utilizes these funds to provide assistance to households in danger of losing their housing and to provide homeless households with funds to find transitional or permanent housing.

900 households will remain housed and 340 households will leave emergency shelter for transitional or permanent housing.

##### **Public Service Competitive Fund (\$265,477)**

The Public Service Competitive Fund represents the Department's commitment to the maintenance and enhancement of critical public or social services, in compliance with the City's Consolidated Plan. Funds will be allocated to those agencies that have applied to the City through its annual CDBG application process.

Staff will work with at least 6 social service agencies to provide workforce training, education and other linkages to high growth job markets.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS**

##### **School's Out Program (\$265,000)**

By providing a mini-camp for children 6 to 12 years of age that operates during all periods throughout the year when school is not in session, the School's Out Program is designed to especially benefit the children of working parents. School's Out offers a day long, well supervised program that allows children to take part in a variety of recreational, educational, cultural, and physical fitness activities in a safe and secure environment. CDBG funds are requested for personnel costs, supplies, food, transportation, and equipment.

The program will serve over 500 participants and their parents.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

### **Pregnancy Support Program (\$139,218)**

This program identifies high-risk pregnant women through active community outreach. Services include door-to-door distribution of information and mobile pregnancy testing, linkage to prenatal care, and follow-up during pregnancy (including the promotion of good health behaviors) and for six weeks after birth to assure linkage to needed community services. The program is housed within the Home Care and Hospice cluster in the Maternal & Child Health Team. The team promotes collaboration and helps provide additional comprehensive services to the women identified by Pregnancy Support. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

The program will administer 200 pregnancy tests. 60 clients will be identified and assisted during pregnancy and six weeks post delivery.

### **Sexual Health Awareness Program (\$147,953)**

This project will benefit low- moderate- income persons by reducing STD/HIV infections, unwanted pregnancies, and high-risk sexual activities among this population. Outreach occurs in all areas of Columbus thru schools, churches and community groups and provides education about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. Outreach activities in the targeted communities are focused on high-risk youth and include referrals to the community based Sexual Health Awareness Clinic (SHAC). Activities will be carried out by a Disease Intervention Specialist and Public Health Nurse, as well as through collaborative efforts with the community agency partnerships, churches, schools and drug rehabilitation centers for youth. CDBG funds are requested for staffing and supplies.

The Sexual Health Awareness Clinic will serve 4,100 people.

## **MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

### **Cap City Kids Program (\$250,000)**

The Cap City Kids Program serves elementary and middle school students during non-school hours. This program provides a safe and caring environment where participants have the opportunity to increase their academic skills and gain positive interpersonal and social skills. The program also fosters positive connections between school, family and community.

180 students will be served in 2003.

## **D. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING**

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Clerical Support (\$162,491)**

The Support staff team provides clerical and administrative support to the various CDBG planning, implementation, and monitoring activities provided by the Development Department. Staff activities include: document, form and report preparation, filing, and maintenance of inventories of materials and supplies. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

**Columbus Compact (\$135,000)**

The Columbus Compact is the governing body and implementing agent of the Columbus Empowerment Zone. The Empowerment Zone is a 14 square mile area encompassing 21 neighborhoods in the Columbus Central City. Columbus received a Department of Housing and Urban Development EZ designation in January 1999 because it met federal criteria for pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress. The Compact will focus on strategic targets of economic opportunity, neighborhood life, and community values/cultural life as outlined in the EZ Strategic Plan. CDBG funds are requested for an administrative contract with the Compact.

In 2003 the Columbus Compact will continue the implementation of the 13 Empowerment Zone initiatives identified as high priority by the Columbus Compact Board of Directors.

**Fiscal and Legislation (\$295,241)**

The Fiscal and Legislation unit is responsible for all financial record-keeping functions, including budget preparation, quarterly financial reviews, contract payments, legislation processing, and accounts payable. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

**Neighborhood and Agency Programs (\$280,410)**

Staff serves as liaisons to various community groups to identify and complete Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, housing, social service, rehabilitation, and other projects, and facilitate community access to inter- and intra-department personnel, provide technical assistance on projects, and monitor City contracts that are established through this process. Staff also facilitates the evaluation of, recommends funding for, and monitors the outcomes of various social service programs. In addition, the staff works with area commissions and major civic associations to provide avenues for residents to participate in revitalization activities impacting their communities. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

**Neighborhood Planning (\$190,322)**

The Neighborhood Planning staff works in partnership with the community to enhance and sustain neighborhoods. The primary objective of the program is to provide planning assistance to Central City neighborhoods by preparing and implementing community-based area and neighborhood plans, reinvestment plans, and development policies and guidelines. The planning process for the program focuses primarily on redevelopment and revitalization issues. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

The Planning staff will complete four (4) major planning initiatives including Franklinton, North Linden, South Linden, and the Far South Side. Staff will begin a planning process for either Milo-Grogan or Weinland Park.

**Neighborhood Services Administration (\$76,864)**

Neighborhood Services Staff provides technical assistance, consulting and advocacy services to citizens, neighborhood groups and City government to allow greater neighborhood-based capacity building and problem solving. The office maintains an accurate and reliable database of neighborhood organizations and leaders. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

**Public Information (\$59,761)**

The Public Information Office is responsible for marketing and public relations activities for the Department of Development. Activities include development of internal and external publications, media relations, and community relation activities. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

## **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

### **Columbus Urban League Fair Housing Services (\$188,814)**

The City of Columbus contracts with the Columbus Urban League to provide fair housing services for the residents of the City. These services include increasing awareness of fair housing issues, fair housing barrier elimination, housing discrimination redress, and implementation of the Fair Housing Action Plan. CDBG funds are requested for a contract with the Columbus Urban League.

### **Grants Management Staff (\$471,995)**

The staff of the Grants Management Office is responsible for the overall administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. Duties include budget development, management of financial resources, program monitoring, grantsmanship services, completion of environmental reviews, prevailing wage compliance, determination of project eligibility issues, and the preparation of required federal reports. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

### **AIDS Housing Staff (\$52,829)**

This program coordinates the federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) HUD grant, other HIV disease housing grants and services, and an HIV disease housing plan. The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons infected with HIV/AIDS and their families. CDBG funds are requested for staffing.



## 2003 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

### I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

A. <u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FUND—HOME</u>	\$ 3,924,900
Subtotal	\$ 3,924,900
B. <u>COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS SET-ASIDE</u>	\$ 841,050
Subtotal	\$ 841,050
C. <u>COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION OPERATING SUPPORT</u>	\$ 280,350
Subtotal	280,350
D. <u>HOME ADMINISTRATION</u>	\$ 560,700
Subtotal	\$ 560,700
<b>TOTAL FUNDING LEVEL</b>	<b>\$ 5,607,000</b>

### II. PROJECTED SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF REVENUE

A. <u>ENTITLEMENT FUNDS</u>	\$ 5,607,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 5,607,000</b>

### III. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

#### A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FUND—HOME (\$3,924,900)

The Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund represents the City's commitment to increasing homeownership opportunities and the preservation/production of affordable rental housing. Funds will be used to make loans and grants to meet the following housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan:

- A) Rental Housing Production and Preservation—Provides financing for the production of new affordable rental units and the rehabilitation of existing rental units.
- B) Homeownership Development Program—Provides incentive financing for the creation of homes for sale in the CDBG service area, with preference for developments in the Neighborhood Investment Districts.
- C) Down Payment Assistance—Provides grants to first time homebuyers for the purchase of houses in the Columbus School District.

These funds will be used to build or rehabilitate 20 homes to be sold to low- moderate-income homebuyers; 75 first time homebuyers will purchase homes; and 200 rental units will be constructed or rehabilitated.

**B. COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS SET-ASIDE (\$841,050)**

The City of Columbus has reserved 15% of its HOME allocations for affordable housing development projects sponsored or developed by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's).

An estimated 28 affordable housing units will be rehabilitated or constructed.

**C. COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION OPERATING SUPPORT (\$280,350)**

The City of Columbus has reserved 5% of its HOME allocations for operating expenses of CHDO's. The Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus will award operating grants to CHDOs.

Six CHDO's will receive operating support grants

**D. HOME ADMINISTRATION (\$560,700)**

This activity funds administrative expenses for implementing the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Staff manages and administers all housing programs which includes the Homeownership Development Program, Down Payment Assistance Program, Rental Production/ Preservation Program, CHDO project Set-Aside and grants for CHDO operating support.

## 2003 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT

### I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

A. COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD \$ 303,000

TOTAL FUNDING LEVEL \$ 303,000

### II. PROJECTED SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF REVENUE

A. ENTITLEMENT FUNDS \$ 303,000

TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES \$ 303,000

### III. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

#### A. COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD (\$303,000)

Funds will be allocated to the Community Shelter Board (CSB) to support activities necessary to the continuing operation of the Board's mission. The purpose of the CSB is to coordinate and stabilize the base funding of emergency shelter programs. Their funding does not replace, but rather complements, other funding for shelter programs. The CSB reviews proposals from local agencies serving homeless families and individuals based on the priorities of CSB to address immediate survival assistance and to reduce the number of homeless persons needing emergency shelter.

## HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

### I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

A. <u>HOPWA PROGRAM</u>	\$ 508,000
TOTAL FUNDING LEVEL	\$ 508,000

### II. PROJECTED SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF REVENUE

A. <u>ENTITLEMENT FUNDS</u>	\$ 508,000
TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES	\$ 508,000

### III. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

#### A. HOPWA PROGRAM (\$508,000)

The City of Columbus is responsible for allocating Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a seven-county area including Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Pickaway, Madison and Union Counties. The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons infected with HIV/AIDS and their families.

HOPWA funds will support two Project Sponsors in the Columbus MSA as well as City staff. The expected benefit for the community is 40 new long term rental assistance subsidy housing slots, 35 short term housing assistance slots, and up to 500 households benefiting from emergency rent, mortgage or utility assistance.